



SC Annual School Report Card Summary

SOUTH MIDDLE
Lancaster County
Grades: 6-8 Enrollment: 607
Principal: Joyce Crimminger
Superintendent: Richard E. Moore
Board Chair: Robert Parker

PERFORMANCE

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YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		AYP STATUS	NCLB IMPROVEMENT STATUS
			General Performance	Closing the Gap		
2011	Average	Average	TBD	TBD	Not Met	N/A
2010	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A
2009	Average	Average	N/A	N/A	Not Met	N/A

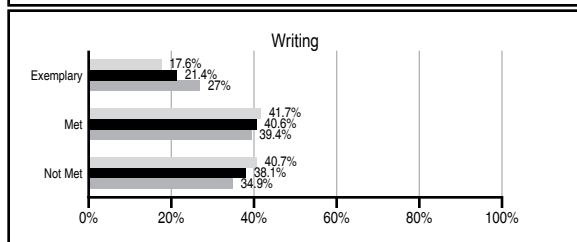
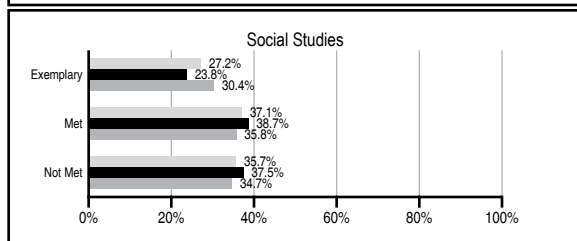
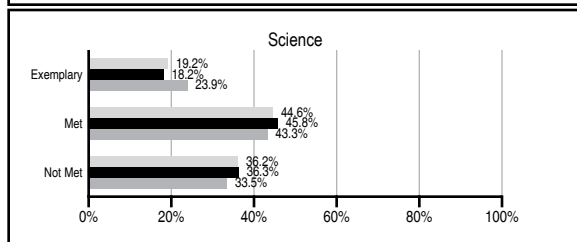
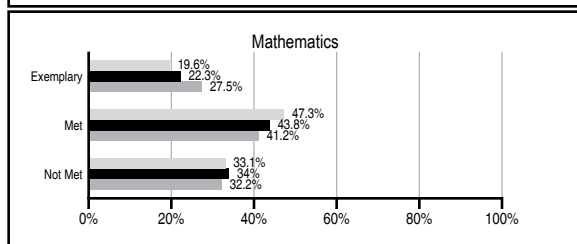
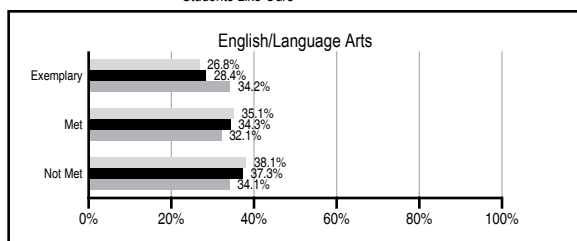
ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF MIDDLE SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
1	2	42	8	1

* Ratings are calculated with data available by 11/09/2011. Schools with Students Like Ours are Middle Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

PASS PERFORMANCE

Our School Middle Schools with Students Like Ours Middle schools statewide



NAEP PERFORMANCE*

* Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.

READING – GRADE 8 (2011)



MATH – GRADE 8 (2011)



SCIENCE – GRADE 8 (2009)



END OF COURSE TESTS - 2011

% of students scoring 70 or above on:	Our Middle School	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours
Algebra 1/Math for the Technologies 2	100.0	96.2
English 1	N/A	92.4
Biology 1/Applied Biology 2	N/A	98.2
Physical Science	N/A	61.1
US History and the Constitution	N/A	N/A
All Subjects	100.0	95.3

SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

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SOUTH MIDDLE [Lancaster County]

SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Middle Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Middle School
Students (n=607)				
Students enrolled in high school credit courses (grades 7 & 8)	24.5%	Up from 21.4%	27.3%	24.5%
Retention rate	0.7%	Down from 1.0%	0.7%	0.7%
Attendance rate	96.2%	Up from 95.9%	95.7%	95.9%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.3%	Down from 15.3%	16.0%	17.8%
With disabilities other than speech	11.7%	Down from 15.5%	10.1%	9.2%
Older than usual for grade	1.4%	Down from 1.9%	2.0%	1.5%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	3.1%	Up from 2.7%	0.7%	0.4%
Annual dropout rate	0.0%	No Change	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n=40)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	62.5%	Up from 55.8%	57.2%	60.0%
Continuing contract teachers	87.5%	Up from 79.1%	86.9%	82.6%
Teachers returning from previous year	81.6%	Up from 80.2%	83.1%	85.6%
Teacher attendance rate	96.4%	Up from 96.1%	95.5%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$45,049	Down 0.6%	\$45,197	\$46,300
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No Change	2.0%	1.2%
Professional development days/teacher	10.7 days	Up from 10.2 days	10.1 days	9.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	6.0	Up from 5.0	4.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	23.9 to 1	Up from 21.4 to 1	21.1 to 1	21.5 to 1
Prime instructional time	90.9%	Down from 91.1%	90.4%	90.1%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No Change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No Change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	96.0%	Up from 92.4%	96.3%	98.1%
Character development program	Excellent	No Change	Good	Good
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$6,968	Down 6.3%	\$7,487	\$7,634
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	67.9%	Down from 68.3%	62.2%	64.0%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	65.9%	Up from 63.0%	59.2%	61.2%
% of AYP objectives met	66.7%	Down from 90.5%	77.9%	80.5%

* Length of contract = 185+ days.

** Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	32	175	92
Percent satisfied with learning environment	96.9%	83.8%	82.4%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	96.9%	86.6%	82.2%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	68.8%	91.2%	86.7%

*Only students at the highest middle school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

South Middle School continued to work towards providing our students with the best educational opportunities during the 2010-2011 school year. The following programs or initiatives were implemented or continued this year:

NetSCOPE- SMS completed its first year as a Professional Development School. This partnership with Winthrop University provides South with Winthrop interns and intense Winthrop-South collaboration. A Winthrop liaison to help facilitate the partnership-related activities was also a part of our faculty.

Technology and Instructional Strategies – Teachers continued to implement the GT curriculum in all pre-honors and honors GT ELA and math classes. Our teachers also continued their involvement in after-school training in learning ways to effectively improve instruction using technology. Students participated in the district-wide benchmark tests at the end of first semester and again in March. These results helped teacher prepare students for PASS testing.

Advisor/Advisee Program – Students met once a month with an adult mentor to discuss topics such as bullying, study skills, goal setting, and nutrition.

South's students continued to excel in academics throughout the year. Nine eighth-graders were selected as Junior Scholars, seventeen students were recognized in the annual Celebration of Excellence, a sixth-grader won first place in the district Art Show, an eighth-grade student had his Favorite Teacher essay published, ten teachers presented at the South Carolina Middle School Conference, seventy-six students were inducted into the National Honor Society, all of our ELA and math teachers are GT endorsed, three teachers are National Board Certified, and 100% of our Algebra I students passed the EOC. Our arts program also continued to flourish with our band and chorus once again being recognized with many accolades that included excellent and superior ratings at solo and ensemble events.

We continued to focus attention on implementing the comprehensive framework associated with Making Middle Grades Work.

SMS could not have accomplished so much without the help and support of our parents and community. The PTO and School Improvement Council continue to help ensure that our students receive the best educational opportunities possible.

Joyce Crimminger, Principal
Jennifer Page, School Improvement Chair

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